Development of SSI

1961. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India could learn a lot from China whose small scale sector had emerged as a powerful engine for its phenomenal economic growth; and

(b) if so, the steps initiated in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Learning and sharing of experience with various countries including China in respect of the small scale industries (SSI) sector is a continuous process. Government facilitates exchange of delegations between SSI entrepreneurs of India and other developing countries. Participation in international exhibitions and preparation of material for publicity overseas by SSI entrepreneurs is also financially assisted.

Launching of PSLV-C3

†1962. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the launch of PSLV-C3 country has achieved its credibility in the international statellite launch market;

(b) if so, the number of countries who have so far expressed their desire to get their satellites launched;

(c) whether Government are considering to increase the budget for the Department of Speace keeping in view these successes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian

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